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SUBJECT: STATE/FBI BRIEFING TEAM TRIP

REF: FELDMAN/WILLIS TELECON

- 1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT ALTHOUGH COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE DO NOT INCLUDE CRIMINAL ASPECTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THAT COMMISSION WILL BE RECEIVING TESTIMONY ON THOSE ASPECTS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY INCLUDING REPORTS OF BARBADIAN INSPECTORS ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.
- 2. PRESENCE OF STATE/FBI OFFICIALS IN BARBADOS DURING THE INQUIRY COULD LEAD TO SUGGESTIONS THAT THEY MAKE PRESENTATION TO COMMISSION OR POSSIBLY TO QUESTIONS AS TO WHY THEY DID NOT.
- 3. STATE/FBI MISSION IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFING FOR BARBADIAN EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES ON GENERAL TERRORISM PROBLEM IN CARIBBEAN. IT DOES NOT FOCUS ON CUBANA CRASH AND MEMBERS WOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PRESENCONFIDENTIAL

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TATION TO INQUIRY COMMISSION.

- 4. WE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED DATES OF DECEMBER 2 AND 3 FOR BRIEFING OF BARBADIAN OFFICIALS ON ASSUMPTION INQUIRY COMMISSION WOULD COMPLETE ITS WORK BY NOVEMBER 30.
- 5. EMBASSY SHOULD ASK GOB IF BRIEFING COULD BE RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 3 AND REQUEST GOB COOPERATION IN ENSURING THAT PURPOSES OF INQUIRY COMMISSION AND VISIT OF STATE/FBI TEAM NOT BE CONFUSED. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO REQUEST GOB ASSURANCE THAT DATES OF VISIT BY STATE/FBI TEAM AND IDENTITIES OF ITS MEMBERS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED TO THE INQUIRY COMMISSION. IN PROPOSING CHANGE IN DATES WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT USG IS WITHDRAWING ITS ORIGINAL OFFER ON BRIEFING.
- 6. GLEYSTEEN, DEEGAN, AND CASTONGUAY WILL ARRIVE BRIDGETOWN 7:36 P.M. EASTERN FLIGHT 975 THURSDAY DECEMBER 2. PLEASE ARRANGE SUITABLE SINGLE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS.

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